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SUBJECT: U.S. DOLLAR FORWARD MARKET MAY OPEN IN AUGUST

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- 1. OFFICIALS IN THE CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA HAVE TOLD EMBASSY THAT THE U.S. DOLLAR FORWARD MARKET WILL "PROBABLY" BE ESTABLISHED IN THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS, U.S. DOLLAR FORWARD TRANSACTIONS FOR THE GERMAN, ENGLISH, AND SWISS CURRENCIES ARE NOW HANDLED. TRANSACTIONS MUST BE RELATED TO IMPORTS OR EXPORTS; FORWARD EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES (E.G., LOANS, INSURANCE, SHIPPING) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, THE U.S. DOLLAR FORWARD PERIODS WILL BE 30, 60, 90, AND 120 DAYS. EXCHANGE RATES FOR THESE FOUR PERIODS WILL BE QUOTED DAILY BY THE CBC.
- 3. IMPORTERS SHOULD PRESENT AN IMPORT PERMIT IN ORDER TO BUY FORWARD U.S. DOLLARS, WHILE EXPORTERS SHOULD PRESENT AN L/C, D/A, OR D/P, ALONG WITH AN EXPORT PERMIT. IF THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONS OF THE FORWARD MARKET; I.E., THE CBC WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

4. CBC OFFICIALS SAID THAT AFTER LOCAL BANKS HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE IN THE OPERATION OF FORWARD MARKETS, THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN QUOTATIONS FOR FORWARD RATES FOR U.S. DOLLAR AND OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES.

COMMENT: EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR FORWARD MARKET WOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR ANOTHER NT REVALUATION SHOULD THE DOLLAR CONTINUE ITS FALL AGAINST YEN. UNGER

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